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Democratic Ticket.

For Circuit Judge:
S. G. KINNER.

For Commonwealth's Attorney:
JOHN M. WAUGH.

A colored woman, Minnie W. Cox, has been postmaster of Indianola, a prosperous town in Mississippi, and the white residents have been making such a kick about it that she sent in her resignation a few days ago. President Roosevelt instructed the Postmaster General to not accept the resignation. The woman closed up the office, refusing to serve longer, and the President has ordered all mail for that place to be sent hereafter to Greenville, a town 22 miles distant. Indianola is the county seat of Sunflower county, while Greenville is the county seat of Washington county. The rule in case of the discontinuance of an office is to deliver the mail to the nearest office. There are several offices nearer than Greenville and on the same line of railroad, but Teddy evidently intends to punish the white people of Indianola severely for kicking about having a colored postmaster to handle their mail. He claims that she is a competent postmaster and that her resignation is forced by the demands and threats of the white people. The cabinet had a long discussion over the matter and the President announced this action afterward.

A later dispatch from Washington says:

"President Roosevelt's action in the Indianola, Miss., post-office case is regarded by Southern members of Congress today as closely bordering upon the outrageous. The idea of closing up a post-office and denying to the citizens of a town the use of the United States mails simply because a few misguided men have scared the negro postmaster out of the office hardly seems credible. If a case can be made out against those who have intimidated and threatened, there would be no objection to legal prosecution, but to make a whole community suffer on account of the action of a few members of the so-called 'lawless element,' passes the understanding of intelligent citizens.

Unquestionably the President had no more right to practically discontinue the Indianola post-office than he would to close the New York City post-office. Had a similar case arisen in the latter city, the President would have promptly designated some one to act in the postmaster's place, and this is what he should do in the smaller Mississippi town. The White House statement also tries to make it appear that the postmaster has the support of citizens of high standing in the community, but a Mississippian in the city tonight, and one who ought to be familiar with conditions there, says that there is practical unanimity among the white citizens for the appointment of a white postmaster, as the papers on file at the department will show."

Indianola, Miss., Jan. 5.—Minnie Cox, accompanied by her mulatto assistant, left tonight for Birmingham. She denied that any violence has been threatened, but affirms that she would not accept the postoffice again under any circumstances. Her husband, Wayne Cox, a railway postal clerk, gave out a statement this afternoon, in which he says that the people here are his friends, and have offered neither him nor his wife any indignities.

"Two prominent citizens came to me and advised me that my wife is safe," he said, "I understood the

race problem, and thought it best for her to give the office up. She acted accordingly. We do not feel offended, and hope it will be convenient for us to continue to live here in peace. There is no doubt of the general sentiment against the reign of a negro postmaster in Indianola. The only friction that transpired was over the adoption of a plan to gain her removal from office."

Twelve deaths have occurred from lockjaw caused by toy pistols in the vicinity of Norfolk, Va., and ten boys are critically ill from the same cause in that community. Two deaths have occurred in Louisville and two other victims are in a dangerous condition.

Mr. Hoar delivered before the Senate a speech in support of his bill regulating trusts. He declared that the great combines are a real peril with which the nation must deal. One of his leading points was against secrecy in connection with corporation transactions.

In the Fayette county Democratic primary yesterday Judge Watts Parker was renominated for Circuit Judge and W. T. Hughes was nominated for Representative. John R. Allen for Commonwealth's Attorney, J. Embury Allen for State Senator and William Kilar for Representative from the city district, had no opposition. Thomas A. Combs was nominated for Mayor of Lexington.

Thomas A. Edison has just given to the world another great invention, on which he has spent four years constant work, and to which he has given more or less attention for thirty years. It is a storage battery of great power, occupying but little space, and of insignificant weight. He says its perfection means that the horse will finally be supplanted for motive purposes. The tests applied to the wonderful improvement Mr. Edison has made. One of the new batteries weighing thirty pounds runs an automobile 100 miles without re-charging. The best battery known heretofore weighs 2,000 pounds and will run the machine only 20 to 25 miles. Thus it will be seen that a wonderful invention has been given to the world. The enormous amount of energy stored, with such economy of space and weight, ready for use at any moment, makes this invention one of almost unlimited possibilities. It will revolutionize many present methods.

FALLSBURG

The roads are in a very bad condition.

Rev. J. C. Marcum has sold his place to Billie Lambert and bought Cox Haws' place.

Mason Henson will occupy the place vacated by Mr. Marcum. The change will take place March first.

Our school began Jan. 5, with J. H. Ekers as teacher. "Aunt Sookie" Jordan is on the sick list.

John Roberts and wife, who have been away visiting relatives, have returned.

Mrs. Sherman Boyd and two children, of Charleston, W. Va., are visiting her sister here.

A. J. Frazier and others are holding a series of meetings at Long Branch.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to W. M. Savage and family, who had to give up their dear boy Lewis.

CATS FORD

Jonnie Hall's school closed on the 29th at the M. O'Daniel school house. He taught a good school. C. H. and Calvin Miller are hauling lumber regardless of cold weather.

Hiram Lambert, of Long Branch, is having a nice house built.

Miss Mollie Clay, who has had hemorrhage of the lungs, is improving.

Robert Barret, who has been very sick, is better.

Walter Saxon sold his farm and has moved to the M. C. Daniel house on Cat.

Mrs. Toler has a bad felon on her hand.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. David Eastham, a bouncing boy.

On New Year's day, it being Sam Fannin's birthday, some of his lady friends gathered in and quitted for him all day. His wife served a good dinner.

SMOKEY VALLEY.

Miss Eda Millard closed her school at this place. This had been the most successful school that had been taught in the valley in years. Many tears were shed by both teacher and pupils. Miss Millard came to us from another county and has successfully met and overcome all the prejudices incident to all such cases. She is a young lady of more than ordinary intelligence and ability and as an instructor, she is unsurpassed in this or any other county. The example which she set before her pupils was one worthy to be followed, being a true Christian and a member of the Christian Church. She was universally beloved and respected by all who knew her. We can recommend her to the people of any county or district in which she may apply to teach. We hope to be able to secure her as a teacher next year.

It was with much regret and sadness that we learned of the death of our beloved and lamented brother Elbert Vaughan.

There is a protracted meeting in progress at this place with brother Melroy Copley as their leading preacher. May the good work go on and end with great success. Julia Diamond passed down the creek a few days ago singing and some one asked him why he was so merry. He says, "I have a Democrat up at my house. Why shouldn't I be merry?"

BLAINE.

Owing to the muddy roads several of our young folks spent Sunday at home.

H. H. Sweetman is visiting his brother Willie in Greenville county.

R. F. Walter was visiting home folks Saturday and Sunday.

Curtis Thompson was visiting friends here Saturday and Sunday.

The social given by Miss Mauda Walter Saturday night was a grand success.

Miss Sallie Reidle is visiting her sister, Mrs. Tom Johnson.

Archie Walter was visiting Miss Pearl Walter last week.

We are glad to say Lum Moore is thought to be improving.

Columbus Davis has moved into the house vacated by R. W. Holbrook.

R. B. Johnson and wife have gone to Sistersville, W. Va.

Will Stafford and wife will move into the house vacated by Johnson.

Miss Inez Arrington was visiting home folks Sunday.

Asberry Holton and Grover Cordell were seen returning from Brushy Sunday.

Harry Ruff and Edward Foster left Saturday for Sistersville, W. Va.

Met Ferguson will return to West Virginia this week.

Little Willie Belle Cole who has been very low with fever is thought to be improving. Two Flowers.

PEACH ORCHARD.

The Peach Orchard Coal Co., received two new machines from the George D. Whitcomb Co., of Chicago, last week, which will be used to increase the output of Mine No. 2.

Peach Orchard Lodge No. 280, I. O. O. F., elected the following officers last Saturday night: J. P. Small, N. G.; Elias Miller, V. G.; A. T. Wilbur, Sec'y.; Scott Castle, Treas.

We are glad to say the above mentioned Lodge is in better condition than it has been for several years, and its future looks encouraging. We was glad to receive Bro. James Fraley into our order. He took the initiatory degree in Odd Fellowship Saturday night. Hope others will follow his example.

TRADE.

Virgil Prose opened school at this place last Monday with good attendance. We feel assured that we will have a good school.

Isaac Moore, of Brushy, has been visiting his sister Mrs. Betsy Jordan, on Dry Ridge.

John Moore, (better known as Jack's John) and Miss Ada Rickman were married last week. Also Lindsey Moore and Miss Jennie Simpson.

We think we can report another wedding next week.

Roscoe Walter, a traveling salesman, passed through here recently. Born, to Billie Moore and wife, a boy. Also, to James Webb and wife, a boy.

Rev. Kelley Fraley and George Allen Thompson passed through here recently. Dandy Jim.

OVERDA

E. G. Wellman and Uncle Ham Witten are visiting Uncle Jim Kelley.

Mrs. Baidie Wilks and little daughter are visiting Mrs. Kate Daniels.

Wm. Young is moving to Paradise. We are sorry to lose him.

Dave Eastham has moved to Bear creek.

Mrs. Baidie Wilks has moved into the house vacated by Dave Eastham.

Dr. Geo. Witten, of Greenup, is visiting his son Doc.

Mrs. Clara Kelley, we are sorry to say, is no better.

John Young was on our creek Black Cat.

JARVEY.

C. C. Stafford is having a lot of caskets and saw logs gotten out on this creek.

Frank Anderson and John B. and Sherd Robinson are cutting timber for Greely Hatcher at this place.

Rev. C. W. Holley, of Paintsville, spent Friday night with Rev. R. E. Robinson.

Buck Badgett and niece, Miss Sallie, were visiting relatives here Sunday.

Brother Gillespie preached an interesting sermon at this place Sunday.

Jim Whittaker, who has been in W. Va. for some time, spent Xmas with home folks.

Rev. R. E. Robinson spent New Years with his brother M. L. Robinson, of Boone Camp.

Willie Music, of Little Paint, visited relatives here Sunday.

MANILA.

High water has delayed our mails and the News has been somewhat irregular.

The oil men are drilling away on a new well, having abandoned the old one they were trying to open up.

There had been a steel bit or something of that nature thrown into the well and they could not get it out.

J. L. Auxier is leasing oil territory for the "Home Company" and several other companies, all leasing lands in this county.

Squire John C. Barkers wife died a few days ago. She had been sick a long time.

Uncle James Stapleton died on Mud Lick after a brief illness. He was very old.

Griffith and Gullet have moved their store to Oil Springs.

B. S. Williams has a new store on Kenwood, on Low Gap Branch. There is something of a coal famine in this community, owing mainly to the bad roads. It is a difficult matter to haul coal over our roads now.

Roscoe Blanton and Miss Dorcas Fairchild were married a few days ago. Also, Boss Williams and Miss Ada Pondleton, of Flat Gap, were united in the "holy bonds". Progress.

MILLO.

Editor News:—

After expressing my appreciation of the News as the best local paper published in the Big Sandy Valley, I wish to notice briefly a communication from Inez in the issue of Dec. 5th. In that communication, the correspondent says that "we (meaning Martin county, or the people of the county, rather) have a few jackasses we would like to trade to an Iron Horse. As this remark is made in connection with some slush about donating the right of way for the proposed railroad up our creek, the inference is that he means that all who do not give the right of way are the jackasses, and as I happen to be one of those who did not do so, I suppose he means me. Now, if I and my brother jackasses are going to be traded we want to impose a few conditions to the trade. One of these is that the iron horse for which we are to be traded is not to haul any dead beasts. We also have a few more conditions which we will give you if your correspondent wants to hear them.

The health of the community is good.

Mont Frazier, of Clifford, came up recently and carried away one of our best young ladies, Miss Mary Fannin, daughter of one of our best citizens, Mr. Mike Fannin. A host of friends wish her joy in her new home.

LIZZIE.

One of our old mothers died the other day—Mrs. Stanley, age about 80 years. She lived a long christian life and leaves many friends to mourn her loss. We have lost a friend on earth but have gained one in heaven.

Joseph Smith and sister are visiting friends here.

Ed Taylor and L. C. Caston attended church at Bolts Fork Sunday.

John Webb will move into the house vacated by Dr. Keller.

Frank Grimsley, of Buchanan, is here looking for a location for a merchandising business. Frank is a good business man and we would be glad to have him with us.

Billie Taylor is still passing over our roads buying our cattle and hogs.

Rough Rider.

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OUR NEIGHBORS.

Will Schugh and Jacob Burk died in Ashland of consumption this week.

The Northern Coal and Coke Company's telephone line is now in working order and Pikeville has good communication with the outside world.

Henry T. Brown, of Pikeville, who has just returned from three years' service with the Second U. S. Infantry in the Philippines, has returned home.

In view of the scare as to the permanency of typewritten records the Italian Minister for Justice has ordered that no typewritten document will be accepted as legal in Italy.

Suits have been filed by the State Auditor in the Franklin County Court against the sureties of the late J. M. Preston, as County Clerk of Johnson county to recover alleged shortages of \$150.

Greenup, Ky., Jan. 9.—McKinley Green, the son of Charles Green, was run over by a freight train this evening and instantly killed. The train was on a siding and was moving slowly when the boy tried to get on.

The stockholders of the West Liberty Bank elected the following officers for this year: S. W. Cecil was re-elected president; W. G. Blair, vice president; F. E. Fogg, attorney, and W. G. Archibald was re-elected cashier.

Ed. S. Hughes, the popular traveling salesman, has bought a half interest in a retail shoe store in Ashland and will take charge of the business in about two weeks. The firm will be known as the Matheson-Hughes Shoe Company.

The Magistrates of Boyd county have increased the salary of County Attorney J. W. Burns \$300 per annum, of County Clerk E. E. Lawrence \$100 and of School Superintendent T. H. Baker \$250. The action is causing considerable comment.—Courier Journal.

L. H. Gornley, whose wife was robbed of \$500 worth of diamonds Cincinnati a short time ago, has closed contract purchases for 200,000 acres of coal, timber and oil lands in Perry, Letcher and Leslie counties, Ky., for the C. C. Tennis Company of Cincinnati.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

The following item is from the fertile pen of that "Mayking" reporter:

"Mrs. Mary Arnold, aged twenty-two, a pretty young widow of Southern, Pike county, committed suicide at her home by shooting herself through the forehead with an old rifle. She had been brooding for several days over a love affair."

A dispatch from Frankfort says: Secretary of State C. B. Hill and Mr. John C. Mayo, of Johnson county, have secured and had executed and delivered to them leases on 12,500 acres of oil land in the counties of Morgan and Magoffin. The land is situated in the best oil territory in Eastern Kentucky, along the route of the proposed pipe line from Pennsylvania.

Mayking, Ky., Dec. 30.—The Beaver Creek oil belt, north of here, on the Floyd-Knott border, is coming to the front. The Hall well No. 3 came in on Saturday, and it flows 150 barrels a day. The Martin well No. 8 has been considerably improved and is now by far the best well in the Beaver region. It flows 250 barrels daily. The Howard well No. 6 comes third and flows 100 barrels.—Courier Journal.

Mr. John W. Langley, appointment clerk of the Census Bureau, underwent a second operation at Garfield Hospital yesterday afternoon for appendicitis. He was operated upon several months ago, and it was found last Wednesday that another operation would be required. He is reported to be in excellent condition, and it is expected that he will be able to renew his work at the Census Office within two weeks.—Washington correspondence.

The United States Land Syndicate, of Chicago, has bought the Jas. Reynolds patent of land, lying in Wolf, Morgan and Breathitt counties, and will have surveys on the ground in the early spring for the purpose of locating the boundary and putting settlers on the tract. This land has been in the possession of the persons now holding it for the last sixty years. They will resist any attempt the company may make in trying to secure possession of it.

The Second Infantry is back from the Philippines and an enquirer has been talking to them. The soldiers bring gruesome reports of the ravages of cholera in the ranks of the Second Infantry. Among those who died of cholera were Quartermaster Sergeant Spay and Commissary Sergeant Magley, formerly of this post, and Privates Rosa and Steiner. Private C. D. Binkhart, of Company D, Second Infantry, whose home is in Latonia,

also died of the disease. In most cases the stricken soldiers were buried within 24 hours of their seizure by the disease.

"Thirteen men died out of Company A and six out of Company B, Second Infantry, within a few days."

Ironton, O., Jan. 2.—William M. Justice, twenty-five, and Dollie B. Smith, twenty-three, both of Floyd county, Ky., called at the Probate office this morning for a marriage license. The would-be bride gave her father's name as Thomas Burchett and when Clerk Dovel inquired how it came that her name was Smith she stated that she was a widow. Later she said she was divorced, but when the time came refused to swear to it. The license was refused, and she finally admitted that her husband was still living and that she had not been divorced.

West Liberty, Ky.—Oil excitement is still increasing here. The Barnes well has proved to be a better one than was expected. Work on three wells close to this one is being rapidly pushed. All the land that can be leased has been taken up, and preparations are being made for a number of wells within the next thirty days. A new company is being organized here, composed of wealthy farmers, who intend to develop their own lands. There are four oil companies in this place, all of which will develop their territory as soon as they can get machinery on the ground. Expert oil men claim this will be one of the richest oil fields in the State.—Ex.

Just Across the River in West Virginia.

John Hoot Russell, a banker and prominent man of Huntington, W. Va., died Tuesday.

Over at Mt. Vernon, Wayne county, occurred last week the wedding of Miss Rosa McClure, the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen McClure, and Mr. Ben Darlington, a prominent contractor of Charleston. Miss McClure has relatives in Louisa.

Senator B. J. Prichard has just closed a lease for about six thousand acres of coal land over in Wayne county, adjoining the lands recently sold to the East Lynn Coal Company and which are now being rapidly developed. The parties obtaining the lease are Ohio and Pennsylvania capitalists of long experience in the coal business. It is said that Mr. Prichard's income along from this lease will amount to a handsome little fortune.

Grading on the railroad has commenced at East Lynn and about one mile is now ready for the track. The veins of coal that have already been opened show six feet of good coal. The development of this territory promises to make the vicinity of East Lynn the "Little Flat Top" of West Virginia.

The charter of the Wayne County Bank, which will be opened at Wayne for business this week, has been recorded in the County Clerk's office. B. J. Prichard and W. L. Mansfield, of Wayne; J. W. Lloyd and A. J. Perry, of East Lynn; G. W. Miles and Clyde Miller, of Radford, Va., are the incorporators. Senator Prichard owns the controlling stock of the bank and will be president of the institution, while Clide Miller, an experienced banker of Radford, Va., will be Cashier.—Ex.

Virgil Staley was yesterday pardoned conditionally from the State Prison at Moundsville by Governor White after serving two years of a five-year sentence. This recalls one of the most sensational tragedies ever recorded in Southern West Virginia.

Staley almost ten years ago shot to death his brother-in-law, Lafayette Adkins, the tragedy occurring at the front gate of the Staley home. A report from Huntington gives the following version of the tragedy:

"Staley's sister, a pretty girl of hardly 20 years, fell in love with Adkins, a young man who had been an enemy of her brother Virgil for a long time. Virgil warned her to have nothing to do with him, despite this they eloped to Ironton and were married. A few days later they returned and were alighting from the carriage at the Staley home when Virgil warned Adkins not to put his foot on his premises, though inviting, at the same time, his sister to enter, seeing that her husband was not going to be admitted, she refused to enter also, and was just stepping back into her carriage when Virgil, her brother, pulled his revolver and opened fire on Adkins.

She sprang back and attempted to rush between brother and husband, but it was too late. A bullet from her brother's revolver had pierced her husband's heart and he fell dead at her feet, never uttering a word.

It was two years before he was arrested. He was tried three times, the first sentence being life imprisonment, the second ten years, the third five years.

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